As per available information, one proposal for foreign investment in setting up of integrated residential township project has been received.

Visit of Vice-Chairman, DDA and other Officials

†594. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Vice-Chairman of DDA visited Hong Kong alongwith his two colleagues;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the status of the two colleagues who accompanied him alongwith the amount incurred on this visit; and

(c) whether Government would like to ban such aimless foreign visits so as to check the misuse of public money?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Vice-Chairman, DDA alongwith Director (Landscape), DDA and Professor C.R. Babu, Director Central Environment Management of Degraded Eco-systems (CEMDE), University of Delhi had visited Hong Kong from 19.6.2002 to 21.6.2002 to gain first hand knowledge about setting up of a Bio-Diversity Park. The journey was undertaken for a specific purpose to get practical suggestions for development of Bio-Diversity Park in New Delhi in collaboration with University of Delhi and to gain experience in this respect. An expenditure of Rs. 1,45,092/- was incurred on the visit.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The House is adjourned.for one hour.

The House then adjourned at twenty-one minutes past eleven of the clock.

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.